SUBJECT No. 84.

Repairs to minor tanks.

Mr. Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—On account of continued neglect on the part of the raiyats for several years many minor tanks are in disrepair. Steps may be taken for a thorough inspection of all minor tanks once a year and for getting the necessary maintenance work done by the raiyats or recovering the cost thereof from them; the necessary maintenance work being done departmentally.

*Reply of Government.*—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 85.

Irrigation cess fund for repairs of tanks.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The irrigation cess collected on the lands under a tank or in a taluk may be allotted for expenditure for the improvement of tanks in the area in which it is collected.

*Reply of Government.*—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 86.

Earthwork to breached tanks by Government.

Mr. Krishnamurtyachar, Mulbagal taluk

*Summary of discussion.*—In the case of major tanks, earthwork to breaches is done by Government. This may be extended to minor tanks also, as the *khatédars* under the latter pay the same rate of wet assessment and in addition get only one crop, while those under major tanks take two crops.

*Reply of Government.*—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 87.

Lands for growing seed-paddy.

Mr. Madar Sab, Gubbi taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—As tanks in the maidan do not fill every year, raiyats find it very hard to get good seed-paddy for sowing in the year in which it fills. Those who can secure good seed suited to the soil get good crops, while others suffer from loss of crops. To save these losses in seed, labour and money, it is prayed that two acres of Government waste land below the river channels near Kannambadi where crops cannot fail in any year may be given at an upset price to those who have 10 acres of wet land in maidan parts, in order to enable them to have a stock of seed-grain when there arises such a demand as explained above.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 88.

Maintenance of avenue trees.

Mr. Chandappa, Holalkere taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The present system of maintaining avenue trees through the agency of the villagers is defective. Every year vacant pits are planted during the rainy reason. But almost every new plant dies out at the next hot weather as it is not possible to water them. The number of trees on all roads is being reduced year by year. With a view to improve this state of affairs it is suggested that Government may take up this work themselves, the Public Works Department being held responsible for the preservation of the avenue trees.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.